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Please replace the paragraph at page 8, line 5 through line 33 with the following replacement paragraph:

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As used herein, human erythropoietin (EPO) refers to both the naturally occurring human erythropoietin glycoprotein as well as recombinant human erythropoietin (rHuEpo or epoetin alfa, available commercially as EPOGEN® (Amgen Inc., Thousand Oaks, CA) and as PROCRIT® (Ortho Biotech Inc., Raritan, NJ)). Peptide analogs of EPO may also be used in the methods of the present invention. As used herein, peptide analogs are those compounds which, while not having amino acid sequences identical to that of EPO, have a similar three-dimensional structure. In protein molecules which interact with a receptor, the interaction takes place at the surface-accessible sites in a stable three-dimensional molecule. By arranging the critical binding site residues in an appropriate conformation, peptides which mimic the essential surface features of EPO binding region may be designed and synthesized in accordance with known techniques. A molecule which has a surface region with essentially the same molecular topology to the binding surface of EPO will be able to mimic the interaction of EPO with the EPO receptor. Methods for determining peptide three-dimensional structure and analogs thereto are known, and are sometimes called 'rational drug design techniques'. See, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 4,833,092 to Geysen; U.S. Patent No. 4,859,765 to Nestor; U.S. Patent No. 4,853,871 to Pantoliano; U.S. Patent No. 4,863,857 to Blalock (applicants specifically intend that the disclosures of all U.S. patents cited herein be incorporated by reference in their entirety).

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, line 31 through page 10, line 22 with the following replacement paragraph:

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Exemplary chemotherapeutic agents are vinca alkaloids, epipodophyllotoxins, anthracycline antibiotics, actinomycin D, plicamycin, puromycin, gramicidin D, paclitaxel (TAXOL®, Bristol Myers Squibb), colchicine, cytochalasin B, emetine, maytansine, and amsacrine (or "mAMSA"). The vinca alkaloid class is described in Goodman and Gilman's The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics, 1277-1280 (7th ed. 1985) (hereafter "Goodman and Gilman"). Exemplary of vinca

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alkaloids are vincristine, vinblastine, and vindesine. The epipodophyllotoxin class is described in Goodman and Gilman, supra at 1280-1281. Exemplary of epipodophyllotoxins are etoposide, etoposide orthoquinone, and teniposide. The anthracycline antibiotic class is described in Goodman and Gilman, supra at 1283-1285. Exemplary of anthracycline antibiotics are daunorubicin, doxorubicin, mitoxantraone, and bisanthrene. Actinomycin D, also called Dactinomycin, is described in Goodman and Gilman, supra at 1281-1283. Plicamycin, also called mithramycin, is described in Goodman and Gilman, supra at 1287-1288. Additional chemotherapeutic agents include cisplatin (PLATINOL®, Bristol Myers Squibb); carboplatin (PARAPLATIN®, Bristol Myers Squibb); mitomycin (MUTAMYCIN®, Bristol Myers Squibb); altretamine (HEXALEN®, U.S. Bioscience, Inc.); cyclophosphamide (CYTOXAN®, Bristol Myers Squibb); lomustine [CCNU] (CEENU®, Bristol Myers Squibb); carmustine [BCNU] (BICNU®, Bristol Myers Squibb).

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